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In re the application of	)	Group Art Unit: 1635
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Laux <i>et al.</i>	)	Examiner: McGarry, Sean
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Serial No.: 10/581,813	)	Confirmation No.: 1928
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Filing Date: June 2, 2006	)	Customer No.: 53897
	)	
Title: Antisense Compounds Targeted	)	
to Connexins and Methods of Use	)	
Thereof	)	

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response responds to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2008. The Office Action mailed December 22, 2008 set an initial three (3) month period for response. The present submission is timely filed by June 22, 2009, with a three (3) month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any requisite fees or any other fees in connection with this application during its entire pendency, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 04-1679.

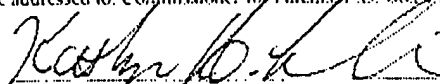
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Applicants request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office consider the following remarks and enter the following changes. Consideration and allowance of all presently pending claims are respectfully requested.